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**Emergency Procedure – Safety Net Rescue**

Template for SafetyCheck Users

**1. Immediate Response**

If a person falls into a safety net:

**1.1 Assess the Situation & Call for Help**

* Stop all work in the area
* Alert the Site Manager/Foreman: [Insert Name & Contact Number]
* Call **111 (NZ)** or **000 (AUS)** if:
	+ The person is seriously injured
	+ They appear unconscious, tangled, or unable to move
	+ The fall occurred from a significant height

**Provide:**

* Worksite address
* Description of the fall
* Name and condition of the person
* Your contact details

**2. Do Not Attempt Unplanned Rescue**

* **Do not enter the net** or pull the person out without a plan
* Avoid disturbing the net unless authorised and trained
* Improper removal can worsen injuries or collapse the net

**3. Rescue Procedure (By Trained Personnel Only)**

**3.1 Stabilise the Situation**

* Maintain **verbal communication** with the person
* Reassure them and assess their responsiveness
* Assign someone to act as the rescue coordinator

**3.2 Set Up Access**

* Use an **elevated work platform (EWP)**, scaffold, or rescue ladder (if available and safe)
* If access from above is required, ensure **fall protection** is worn by all rescuers
* If the person is injured or tangled, wait for emergency services if untrained to perform technical rescue

**3.3 Remove Person Safely**

* Carefully assist the person out of the net using safe access (e.g. scissor lift, boom lift or mobile scaffold)
* **Do not drag or drop** them from the net
* Support their movement and assess for injuries during rescue

**4. First Aid & Medical Care**

* Once the person is on stable ground:
	+ Conduct an injury assessment
	+ Administer **first aid** if trained
	+ Monitor for **shock or trauma**
	+ Keep the person warm and calm
	+ Await ambulance if called

**5. Communication, Reporting & Investigation**

**5.1 Notify the Following**

* Company Owner / Director: [Insert Name & Number]
* **WorkSafe** (If notifiable event): 0800 030 040
	+ [Insert AUS regulator depending on region]

**5.2 Report via SafetyCheck**

* Use the **SafetyCheck Incident/Accident Register Tool** to document:
	+ Fall details (height, time, cause)
	+ Equipment involved (net tag/inspection)
	+ Rescue method used
	+ Injuries and immediate actions taken

**5.3 Investigation & Corrective Actions**

* Complete a formal investigation in SafetyCheck
* Review:
	+ Whether the net was installed correctly
	+ If a fall arrest plan existed and was followed
	+ Tagging, inspections, and PPE use
* Assign corrective actions

**6. Review & Training**

* This procedure will be reviewed **annually** or after any fall into a safety net
* Workers must be trained in:
	+ **Fall arrest systems and rescue awareness**
	+ Identifying fall hazards and site-specific emergency plans
* **Rescue drills** (using fall arrest systems or simulated net rescues) should be conducted every: [Insert Frequency]

**Company Details**

Company Name: [Insert Company/Trading Name]

Site Address: [Insert Site or Project Address]

Date of Last Review: [Insert Date]

Next Review Date: [Insert Date]

Signed: [Insert Signature or Name]